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ICC schedules four in-person commencement ceremonies

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Itawamba Community College and Fulton officials discuss the sidewalk and other improvements made possible by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. They include, from left, John Wayne Harris; Dr. Jay Allen; Fulton aldermen Mike Nanney, Hayward Wilson, Brad Chatham, Liz Beasley; Rep. Donnie Bell; Mayor Barry Childers and Tim Senter.

ICC, Fulton partner in major sidewalk project

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College and the City of Fulton have announced the awarding of $1.1 million in Federal Transportation Alternative Program funds from the Mississippi Department of Transportation for sidewalk installation along West Main Street.

ICC and the City of Fulton will be responsible for 20 percent of the total as well as professional engineering fees, according to John Wayne Harris, director of projects and energy management systems.

The sidewalk will be constructed along West Main Street and will begin in downtown Fulton east of the Fulton Telephone Company and continue to the trailhead, Harris said. Another section will be installed from West Main along Stadium Drive and end at the Access Road.

Pushbutton crosswalks at Stadium Drive and in front of both Sheffield Hall and the new ICC residence hall will help ensure the safety of college students, pedestrians and the residents of Fulton. In addition, the project will feature LED decorative post-top lights to provide well-lit pathways to promote student and visitor safety. Another benefit is better access to ICC's Band Hall, which is utilized as a safe shelter for the City of Fulton as well as activities at the stadium area and Davis Event Center, Harris said.

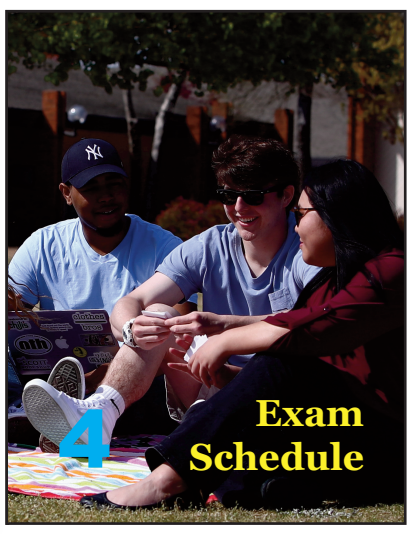
"This project is a perfect town-and-gown partnership that will aid all of our ICC family in the day-to-day movement across our main campus as well as the larger community of Fulton," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "This much-needed sidewalk provides safe paths linking our campus to downtown and the waterway as well as an opportunity for more visible crosswalks and significant lighting upgrade."

"The Fulton Board of Aldermen and I would like to thank Dr. Allen and his staff, MDOT and Rep. Donnie Bell for making this project possible," said Fulton Mayor Barry Childers. "We're so pleased to have approval of this project to ensure the safety of our ICC students, local citizens and visitors. Working together is the key to ensuring more efforts such as this to better our city for everyone. The initiative will increase the curb appeal in our downtown, which will help to draw more people to the Tenn-Tom Waterway to enjoy the walking trail and attract ICC students and faculty to our downtown businesses. We look forward to future projects to further enhance the beauty of our wonderful city."

TA funds are federal transportation dollars that are for non-roadway types of improvements such as sidewalks, multiuse paths, pedestrian lighting and traffic calming. The funds flow through the MDOT Local Public Agency, LPA programs leverage local investments with federal funds for infrastructure improvements to enhance the quality of life for residents throughout Mississippi.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2022.

For the latest news updates ..... See www.iccms.edu



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VIEWPOINT

CORA YIELDING
Editor

Reflections on the past

When I graduated from high school, I was filled with anxiety about coming to ICC.

I was worried that it might be just like high school all over again. I was worried about how I would make friends or how I would do in the classes. The day I moved in, I lay in bed tossing and turning, worrying about how my next two years would go

Today, as my final weeks begin to come to a close, I cry at the joys and triumphs with which I have been blessed at ICC.

My second month here, I tore my ACL, playing soccer on campus. I was completely heartbroken and had to say goodbye to a piece of me, part of my identity and a sport that I had come to love over a decade. I wanted to quit school. I wanted to transfer. I was so burdened by the heartbreak that I was ready to give up. I am so grateful that I had people who stepped into my life who pushed me to keep going.

I found a community in the Baptist Student Union, the Student Government Association and the people around me. I found people who pushed me to be a better version of myself. When COVID struck in the middle of my second semester, it seemed to be a gut-wrenching feeling of uncertainty among all students. I expected to lose that sense of community which I had grown to love so dearly, yet it grew stronger. I was contacted every day by my peers, the faculty, the staff and everyone with whom I have come into contact at ICC.

The community of this college is a beautiful description of love. The people I've met here will be lifelong friends. I am saddened at the thought that my two years here are almost done but rejoice in the fact that I have been blessed with truly some of the most amazing friends, mentors and ICC family.

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

The *Chieftain* will print
letters to the editor
or guest commentaries.
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OPINION POLL

What do you think...

"What are your plans after Itawamba Community College?"

Kelsey Bishop
Freshman
Verona
"After ICC, I want to continue my education in psychology by transferring to Mississippi State."

Darrell Edmond
Freshman
Columbus
"I want to go straight into the workforce by getting a job in computer programming."

Sarah Pettigo
Freshman
Amory
"I want to go to the University of Alabama to further my education in teaching English to high school students."

Jalen Scott
Freshman
Nettleton
"I want to go to Mississippi State after I graduate from ICC."

Jay Simon
Sophomore
Houlka
"I plan on going to a university, preferably Mississippi State."

Moses Hall
Sophomore
Pontotoc
"I am going to get a job and work full time."

Brooklynn Hall
Sophomore
Nettleton
"I plan to attend MSU and then, hopefully, be accepted into the optometry program at SCO in 2022."

Chris Oliver
Freshman
Tupelo
"I am going straight into the workforce to work in machining."

Lindsey Roberts
Sophomore
Guntown
"My plan is to attend Ole Miss and complete my education in audiology."

Mykia Cannon
Sophomore
Belden
"After graduating from ICC, my plan is to attend JSU to earn my bachelor's degree."

PANDA MOORE

VIEWPOINT

SAMANTHA McNAMARA
Staff Writer

'Love you, Mississippi, but...'

I know that you're probably thinking that I've completely run out of subjects to write about, since I'm choosing to talk about the weather. You would be right, but even so, are we just going to ignore the fact that we have had at least a bajillion tornadoes blow through here in the last few weeks? Is nobody moving out yet?

I moved to the great state of Mississippi last summer, so this is my first spring in the area. I've found out that when I tell local folks that I'm a transplant, they look at me with intrigue, like finding a shiny new toy.

Their interest quickly dissipates when I tell them that I'm just from Alabama. Sorry to disappoint. I've found so many things that I absolutely love about Mississippi. From the amazing food to the beautiful state parks, there's a lot to love here. The tornadoes are not one of them. I am no stranger to hurricanes. Growing up near the Gulf, hurricanes were just a way of life. We threw gloriously tacky hurricane parties equipped with candles and charcuterie. We knew they were coming for days and had plenty of time to decide with what friends we wanted to be stranded for a couple of days. When I moved, I assumed that Mississippi couldn't be that different. We're neighbors, after all. Cousins even. Oh boy, was I wrong!

Needless to say, I've spent a significant amount of time the past month or so learning to predict weather patterns, which is kind of like reading tea leaves, to be honest. That and stocking up on flashlights and radios has become a pastime. I'm fortunate to have a basement in my home, but if for any reason I could not access my basement, I sought out the closest storm shelters. Thankfully, they weren't too hard to find. I was able to call my local fire department who directed me to a list on WTVA's website of a thorough list of shelters in multiple counties across northeast Mississippi. I was also able to find a NOAA approved weather radio at Best Buy that was worth every penny being that it allows me to sleep in between trips to the basement. I, like the rest of you, get phone calls from ICC that have proven to be invaluable on days that I haven't watched the weather or when I'm planning to drive to the school when I shouldn't be on the roads.

I know that I sound like a worrywart, or new to all this severe weather, but I think that's what makes it so dangerous. Sometimes we can get so used to something happening that we let our guard down a bit. Pandemic, anyone? A reasonable amount of panic is warranted in situations that could be potentially dangerous. If you're anything like me and preparing to the nth degree gives you a sense of control in a chaotic situation, I urge you to become familiar with the resources in your area. Find out what the plan is at your ICC location if severe weather were to strike. After all, if we have learned anything in the past year, it is that we are always better safe than sorry! ***(Editor's Note...ICC's emergency information and manual are located on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, under Campus Safety.)***

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Teacher Spotlight

Dr. James Roberson
Natural Sciences

FAMILY: *Parents, Melissa and Jimmy Roberson; Brother, Kolten*

EDUCATION: *Associate's degree from Northeast Mississippi Community College; bachelor's, master's and doctorate from the University of Mississippi*

COURSES TAUGHT: *Physics 1 and 2, Physical Science 1 and 2*

EXPERIENCE: *In the last semester of undergraduate school, a student-teacher at Oxford High School (physical science); graduate assistant at Ole Miss; taught physical science for the Ole Miss Physics Department and Northwest Mississippi Community College (Oxford); then employed by ICC (physical science and now physics)*

POSITIVES OF TEACHING: *"It's different every day. I feel accomplished when I realize that through testing, my students have actually learned what I have been attempting to teach."*

NEGATIVES OF TEACHING: *""Paperwork."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: *"Worry less about what students think about you."*

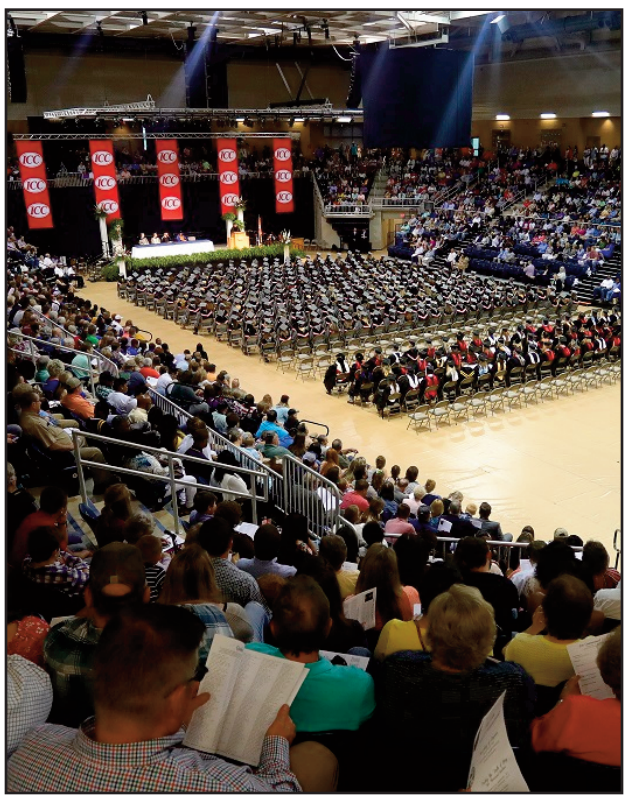
BROOKLYNN HALL
Staff Writer

ManUp session set for Wednesday

Staff Reports

Minority males are invited to participate in a ManUp session on Interview Preparation, Wednesday, at 12:10 p.m. in Crubaugh Technical Education Building 110 at the Fulton Campus.

The speaker will be Irijah Kinard.



friends and family pack the Davis Event Center for a commencement ceremony pre-COVID in this file photo.

ICC schedules four in-person commencement ceremonies

Staff Reports

Approximately 650 ICC graduates will receive associate's degrees or certificates in four in-person ceremonies, May 13 and 14, at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

The ceremonies include May 13 - 10 a.m., Associate of Arts (A-L) and 2 p.m., Associate of Arts (M-Z); and May 14 - 10 a.m., Associate of Applied Science (career education) and 2 p.m., Associate of Applied Science (health science).

The A.A.S. ceremonies will also include those who have earned certificates. In addition, a high school equivalency ceremony will be at 6 p.m., May 13.

Since COVID-19 prevented in-person ceremonies last year, both 2020 and 2021 graduates have been invited to participate.

Each participant will receive a maximum of 10 tickets to comply with state COVID guidelines regarding social distancing in arenas. Masks will be required.

All ceremonies will be livestreamed at LetsGoICCTV.com

Salinas receives TVA/PTK STEM scholarship

Staff Reports

Diana Salinas, Itawamba Community College sophomore from Golden, has received one of two STEM scholarships from the Tennessee Valley Authority and Phi Theta Kappa.

The $2,500 scholarship is awarded to PTK members in Mississippi, who plan to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering or math. The students were selected based on academic achievement, leadership, campus and community service and faculty assessments.

"We are very grateful to TVA for recognizing the academic achievements of our STEM members and providing them with mentoring that will further enrich their lives," said Dr. Monica Marlow, executive director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. "We are excited to see the impact this program will have on enabling students to pursue their careers in STEM fields."

Salinas is majoring in computer science at ICC,where she is vice president of the Student Government Association, president of the Computer Science Club, Diamond Girl, member of the Honors College and vice president of leadership and regional reporter for PTK.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors, serving nine million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity.

In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

PTK is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.

ICC to honor top scholars during special May 3 celebration

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will honor its top scholars, May 3, during a celebration of distinction.

Those recognized will include department and division award winners, ICC Hall of Fame, Mr. and Miss ICC and the recipients of state and regional recognition.

They include

Aberdeen - Nolan Koehn, Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology;

Amory - Will Bishop, Business Administration Division; Marco Garza, Collision Repair Technology; Michaela Johnson, Public Health Technology; Allie Lindsey, Paralegal Technology;

Baldwyn - Dillin Eddings, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology; Hunter Lindsey, Automotive Technology; Destiny Swindle, Social Sciences Division, Sociology;

Belden - Samantha McNamara, Journalism; Hunter Roberts, Business and Marketing Management Technology;

Belmont - Kristen Howell, Hall of Fame, All-Mississippi Academic Second Team;

Blue Springs - Lisa Curtis, Hospitality Management Technology; Alyssa Steria, Health Information Technology;

Caledonia - Jaydan Ray, English;

Corinth - Tate Perry, History;

Eupora - Grace Austin, Psychology;

Fulton - Lillie Pegram, Biology; Cora Yielding, Hall of Fame;

Golden - Kaylee Markham, Hall of Fame; Diana Salinas, Computer Science, Computer Science Division, Hall of Fame, All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, Hallmark Distinguished Chapter Officer awards, Jolene Hoots Award for Service, Jack Kent Cooke semifinalist, Delta Scholar, NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar;

Grenada - Haley Kinard, Radiologic Technology;

Guntown - Carter Grubbs, Political Science; Haley Hamby, Practical Nursing;

Hamilton - Heidi Timmer, Computer Programming Technology;

Hickory Flat - Tyler Bryant, Chemistry, Natural Science Division;

Holly Springs - Audrianna Crane, Surgical Technology;

Houlka - Donna Huett, Electrical Technology;

Houston - Kylan Carter, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Rodrigo Hernandez, Hall of Fame, Respiratory Care Technology; Ziai Li, Mathematics;

Macon - Anna Borntrager, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology;

Mantachie - John Curtis DeVaughn, Hall of Fame, Mr. ICC;

Marietta - Cheyanne Cassler, Hall of Fame, Early Childhood Education Technology;

Nettleton - Karli Rose Harris, Miss ICC; Anna Grace McKinney, All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, PTK Outstanding Member;

New Albany - Zoe Holder, Mary Walden Professionalism in Nursing award;

Olive Branch - Connor Murphy, Criminal Justice;

Oxford - Khaki Wilbanks, Janis Howell Nursing Excellence award;

Pheba - Brooke Kinard, Emergency Medical Sciences Technology;

Plantersville - Millie Mask, Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division;

Pontotoc - Kelsey Bard, Associate Degree Nursing; Jason Brock, All-Mississippi Academic Second Team; Jack Harlow, Larry Loden Associate Degree Nursing Hall of Fame award; Marissa Johnson, Music; Farrah Jones, Jeanette Carr-Winkler Caring award; Laken Templeton, Art;

Saltillo - Reilly Grace Carter, All-Mississippi Academic First Team, Presidential Partnership Scholarship nominee, PTK Order of the Golden Key; Kenndie Gamble, Hall of Fame; James Hood, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; Will Porter, Modern Foreign Language; - ***See Scholars, page six.***

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Spring Exam Schedule

DAY CLASSES

T/Th	Tuesday, May 4
8-9:15 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:35-1:50 p.m.	1-3 p.m.
M/W	Wednesday, May 5
8-9:15 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:45-1:50 p.m.	1-3 p.m.
T/Th	Thursday, May 6
9:25-10:40 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
2-2:50 or 2:30-3:15 p.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Friday	Friday May 7
8-11:40 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
9-11:40 a.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Other Times	1-3 p.m.
Monday/Wednesday	Monday, May 10
9:25-10:40 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
2-2:50 or 2:30-3:15 p.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

NIGHT CLASSES

Regular Meeting	Exam
Tuesday	Tuesday, May 4
Wednesday	Wednesday, May 5
Thursday	Thursday, May 6
Monday	Monday, May 10

ICC to celebrate retirements

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will celebrate the retirements of several members of its family, May 3, at a ceremony that will be combined with the presentation of the Meritorious Achievement Awards.

The retirees who will be honored include **Janet Armour** (Library), **Debra Bradley** (Business office), **Ricky Brasel** (Campus Police), **Jeff Clingan** (TIS Service Center), **Holly Karr** (Library), **Sheree Lence** (Music), **Cindy Orrick** (Health Sciences), **Dr. Bronson Prochaska** (Academic Success/Retention), **Dori Richardson** (Mathematics), **Dr. Deborah Scott** (Associate Degree Nursing), **Dr. Marion Tutor** (Consortium) and **Gloria Wallace** (Adult Education).

Alumni honorees nominations deadline, Aug. 1

Staff Reports

Nominations are being accepted for the 2021 Alumnus of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at ICC through Aug. 1.

Plans are for them to be honored during homecoming activities this fall at the Fulton Campus.

Criteria for selection as the Alumnus of the Year include attended ICC/IJC and must have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student five years prior to the current school year and exhibited merit and achievement, which have brought fame and honor to either his/her community or the College. Nominations can be made by any member of the ICC faculty, staff and any alumnus of the College.

ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame honors former athletes, coaches or individuals who have excelled or who have made major contributions to intercollegiate athletics while attending or employed by ICC. Criteria to be considered include out of school for at least 10 years, accomplishments after graduation, support of ICC after graduation and attendance at induction ceremonies or if deceased, a family member must attend. Two individuals will be inducted.

Forms are available online at www.iccms.edu/alumni. For more information, email alumni@iccms.edu.

Itawamba Community College students take advantage of spring weather to study for final exams in this file photo.

Study now *for approaching final exams*

MYKIA CANNON
Staff Writer

The college year has been long for students.

It's been a year of stress, depression and built-up energy.

Students and faculty have transitioned from face-to-face to virtual classes. With that being said, are classes more difficult? Are students finding the answers on the internet instead of learning them?

Rachel Steele, coordinator of instructional support services, has advice as finals approach.

Students should be well-prepared, Steele said. "Be intentional. Make a study schedule. Know when your final exams are."

Steele cautions not to wait until the last minute.

It is also important that students get enough sleep. "You have to get sleep because if you're not sleeping, you're not able to recall anything you retain."

Steele said that when students start to neglect personal care, sleeping, eating and taking breaks, that can be detrimental." The inner self is important as well.

Steele also provides helpful hints for studying. "Reading is like tasting the food. If all you do is taste your food, you'll never absorb the nutrients you need. Reading is a good start. You must be able to chew your food. You must be able to write to store the information better."

Sometimes, cell phones can be distracting.

"I'm a big fan of the Pomodoro Technique," Steele noted. "It is a way to help us concentrate and focus. Set a timer on your phone and put the phone in a drawer. Focus on studying your materials and when the timer goes off, take a break.

Steele advises to put your cell phone away when studying.

Steele also said that studying with friends can sometimes be helpful.

"Studying in groups or with someone provides good accountability, and it also helps clarify ideas," Steele mentioned. "Studying with others can be helpful if the student remains focused."

Studying can also become overwhelming and stressful. "A little bit of stress is not a bad thing," Steele said. "If a student feels stress, that tells me that the student thinks the exam is important, and that is good, but leverage that stress to help you be better and not paralyze you."

Steele said that there can be good stress and bad stress.

Students should make sure that it is good stress instead of bad, she cautioned.

School can become hard, but never give up. On commencement day, all of that stress will be forgotten.

ICC commemorates Community College Month

Staff Reports

As the calendar pages of 2021 are turning quickly, ICC is celebrating April as Community College Month.

The focus of the celebration, according to Dr. Jay Allen, ICC President, is ICC's continuing commitment to education, which prepares both youth and adults with the foundation to ensure a better future.

In some instances, that education is lifelong learning, Allen said, "because we are never too old to learn and experience new avenues."

For some, it is the completion of a degree, which took many years to achieve. For others, it is an opportunity to transition to a better job and a more promising future. And, for traditional high school students, it is the next step on a career pathway.

As Itawamba Community College joins with the other 1,043 two-year institutions of higher learning in commemorating Community College Month, it is a time to reflect...on our past and our future, especially the last year, which due to COVID-19 has presented many challenges, but also significant learning experiences, Allen said.

"Among those are that we **can** transition to virtual learning (almost overnight), work remotely and continue to provide the services for which ICC takes great pride, continuously sanitize our facilities and make significant decisions with students always at the forefront of each. It is because of our exemplary ICC family and the contributions of each that we have safely returned to face-to-face classes, student activities and in-person commencement celebrations, and in the fall semester, a feeling of normalcy."

Community colleges are a vital part of America's postsecondary educational delivery system, serving almost half of the undergraduate students in the United States. The education, which ICC provides, goes beyond traditional bricks and mortar with the significant impact of online instruction and makes possible the attainment of a degree any time, any place anywhere, as we have witnessed this year, Allen said. "The success of all of our Itawamba Community College students is paramount."

"ICC appreciates the opportunity to provide the **best** start for residents of our area and beyond to attain their dreams and goals. And, most especially in the last year, which has proved to be most challenging, the College is especially grateful for those who have been there along the way. You are the **best!"**

Happy Summer!

Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Indian Delegation	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
	Jordan Smith	862.8252
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Mirror	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Modern Language	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Phi Theta Kappa	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Science Club	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
	Lindsey Patterson	862.8359
Sigma Kappa Delta	Keith Morris	862.8326
	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8326
	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

TUPELO CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
	Doris McCreary	620.5117
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Dr. Robin Sims	620.5222
	Dr. Tamar Lucas	620.5218
	Dr. Lauren Asters	620.5208
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

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For more information on ICC clubs and organizations, www.iccms.edu.

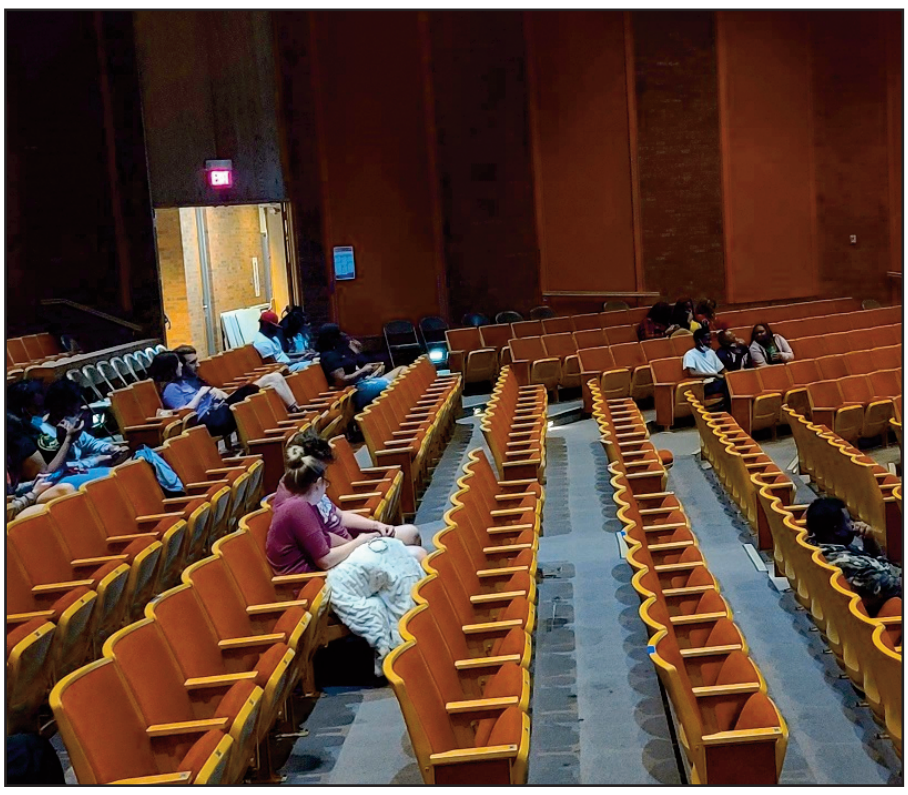
Reminder to Graduates

Staff Reports

Graduates who are participating in one of four commencement ceremonies, May 13 and 14, are reminded that they must enroll in a Commencement Canvas course and complete it prior to May 3 since there will be no rehearsals due to COVID-19.

The course will begin Apr. 19 and include infomation about COVID precautions, instructions for the day of the ceremony and how graduates will receive their diploma, pick up the cap and gown and properly wear regalia. It will also cover participation in the ceremony, how to claim tickets for friends and family and other helpful information, according to Dr. Bobby Solomon, registrar and director of admissions.

At the conclusion of the course, participants must complete an exit survey and select the bookstore where they will pick up their cap and gown.



Residence halls offer events

ICC residence hall students have multiple activity options, including movie nights, Kan jam and cornhole. - *Photos furnished by Ethan Cruse.*

ICC has new student organization

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has a new student organization.

The ICC Disc Golf Club was approved in early March, according to Jake Hartfield, director of student activities.

It will provide ICC students "with a coed extracurricular outlet focused on physical activity, fellowship and disc golf," Hartfield said. It will utilize the 18-hole disc golf course that is conveniently placed throughout the Fulton Campus.

Membership is open to all full-time students at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses and the Belden Center regardless of ability. An additional requirement is good standing status at the College.

For more information, contact discgolf@iccms.edu.

ICC students elect SGA officers

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Student Government Association is ready for the fall semester with the election of the 2021-22 officers this spring.

Fulton Campus officers are Haley Dean of Saltillo, president; Emma Cate Sparks of Saltillo, vice president; Kiley Smith of Woodland, secretary; and Zhakira Carter of Pontotoc.

Tupelo Campus officers are Makenzie Hamilton of Ecru, president; Hannah Dean of Houston, vice president; and Nossibah Algamal of Ecru, secretary.

They will begin their term in the fall. County and at-large representative elections will be shortly after the 2021 fall term begins.

Chieftain staff members needed for fall!

Happy 50th Anniversary, ICC Chieftain!

Want To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors	Admissions
Activities Calendar	Dean of Students
Admissions/Records	Admissions
Advanced Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Athletics	Athletic Director
Band	Band Director
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	Dean of Students
Course Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Learning Resources
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Housing Director
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs
	V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	Dean of Students
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid office
Student Government	Housing Director
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid office

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Julia Houston
Continuing Education	Debi Martin
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Dr. Joe Lowder

Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.

Kaylee Brooke McCollum of Amory receives the 2020 Most Beautiful crown. She will pass along the honor to her successor Thurs. night at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Most Beautiful Pageant

40 contestants vie for title Thurs.

Staff Reports

Approximately 40 contestants will compete for the title of Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2021, Apr. 22, at 7 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

They include McKinley Dean, Miranda Paige Flippo, Lauren Wickline, all of **Aberdeen**; Carli Cole, Kailey Cox, Sydney Elkin, Hailey Anna Page, all of **Amory**; Ruby Johnson of **Belden**; Reagan Kuykendall of **Belmont;** Elisabeth "Reese" Frady of **Columbus**; Samantha Sharp of **Corinth**; Makenzie Hamilton of **Ecru**; Lillie Grace Burton of **Eupora**; Brianna Faith Grice, Abigail McDaniel, both of **French Camp**; Ashton Bryan, Madison Collins, Grace Wiginton, all of **Fulton**; Kella Brooke O'Brian of **Golden**; Sydney Duggar of **Guntown**; Haley Makamson of **Houston**; McKenzie Stamper of **Mantachie**; Isabella Lynn Graves, Cassie Harville, Sydney Scribner, all of **Mooreville**; Gracie Minich of **Nettleton**; Alexis Faith Kent of **New Albany**; Morgan Lee, Lydia Walker, both of **Olive Branch**; Kinley Lindsay of **Oxford**; Brianna Ball, Mabry Chamblee, Abbey Montgomery, Anna Claire Warren, all of **Pontotoc**; Kenndie Kiarra Gamble, Leah Irwin, both of **Saltillo**; A'jalauh Caldwell of **Sherman**; Lauren Mitchell of **Smithville**; Olivia Boykin of **Steens**; and Makenzie Tate of **Tupelo**.

The event is sponsored by the ICC Travel Tribe.

Registration continues for 2021 fall semester

Staff Reports

Freshmen and returning students who are currently enrolled at Itawamba Community College are reminded to register for 2021 summer and fall classes before the end of the semester to ensure that they have the classes they want at the time that fits their personal schedule.

Students who have not registered must see their adviser before May 4 when final exams begin, to plan a schedule and register for summer and fall.

In addition, incoming freshmen have the opportunity to participate in orientation sessions.

Upcoming orientations include 8:30 a.m., Apr. 23 and 30, May 7, June 17; and 1 p.m., June 8 and July 13, all at the Fulton Campus; and June 10 and July 1, 8:30 a.m., June 15 at 1 p.m., and June 17 and July 22 at 5 p.m., all at the Tupelo Campus.

"Among the advantages of attending an orientation session are scheduling classes early and choosing from a wide variety of options, including days, times and instructors and possibly completing the process before graduation from high school," said Dr. Melissa Haab, dean of enrollment services. "The sessions will also provide an opportunity for adult learners to connect with an adviser and to make the transition to college less intimidating."

ICC orientation is mandatory for all graduating high school seniors. Students must have submitted an application for admission as well as a copy of the ACT score before registering for orientation, and they should sign up as soon as possible since only a limited number can attend each session.

Incoming students should register for an orientation session at http://www.iccms.edu/Orientation.

For more information, call (662) 862-8251.

ICC students receive UM scholarships

Staff Reports

Several ICC students have received scholarship opportunities from the University of Mississippi.

They include

Lyceum Scholar Award recipients are diana Salinas, Leslie Ray and Emma Atkinson.

Those who will receive Community College Leadership Scholarships are Jaden Buchanan, Kenndie Gamble, Anna Brock, Brianna Williams and Kiley Rhea.

Abby Rinehart, All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, Economics, Hall of Fame, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, PTK Order of the Golden Key, Lucky Day Scholarship, Outstanding Chapter President - Upsilon Sigma; Kenzye Simmons, Earnest Ruth Agnew Spirit of Giving award; Brodie Smith, Physics; Anna Grace Weddle, Communications Division;

Shannon - Hunter Poe, Diesel Equipment Technology;

Tupelo - Emma Atkinson, McCormick Award of Excellence; Tanner Cary, Associate Degree Nursing; Jack Cobb, Welding and Cutting Technology; Isaac Floyd, Theatre; Mackenzie Graham, Accounting; Jacob Gusmus, Forestry Technology; Allison Huckaby, Hall of Fame; Nick Kaitchenko, Computer Networking Technology; Joseph Royce, Law Enforcement Technology; Alexia Smith, Mathematics Division; Kelan Traylor, PTK McCormick Award of Distinction; Ryan Vinson, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Maddie West, Hall of Fame, PTK Outstanding Officer;

Union - Maggie Hardin, Fine Arts Division; and

Woodland - Kiley Smith, Public Speaking.

The event will be at 6 p.m. in the Davis Event Center. Each honoree will receive a limited number of tickets because of COVID-mandated seating guidelines.

Scholars

From page three.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Student Activities

Indian Week
April 18-

April 26, 28
Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Fulton Fitness Center

April 28
National Blueberry Pie Day
Fulton Student Activities Center
Noon-1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact
Jake Hartfield
Director of Student Activities
662.862.8428
jchartfield@iccms.edu

The year has included everything from Welcome Week to Coke and Popcorn and Intramurals...

Members of the Tupelo Police Department SWAT team prepare to enter the Itawamba Community College Belden Center during an emergency mock drill in this file photo.

How safe is ICC?

MYKIA CANNON
Staff Writer

All schools should always ensure that the safety of their students is foremost in everyday activities as well as in its planning.

Therefore, it is imperative that Itawamba Community College students, faculty and staff know what to do in case of an emergency, said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Emergencies can include such events as active shooters, tornadoes, chemical spills or any event that would affect any college location.

Boggs said that "ICC is very safe at all three locations," Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.

The three locations are considered "open campus," which means that visitors, students and faculty can come and go as they please.

Boggs noted that pre-COVID, mock drills were scheduled at all of ICC's locations to ensure that a viable plan was in place.

With the College's transition to virtual learning last spring, it has been difficult to schedule the drills, but that doesn't mean that planning isn't continuing.

"Drills are designed to keep the emergency procedures fresh in everyone's mind so that everyone will know how to respond in case of emergency," Boggs said. "Every student needs to know these drills, especially to allay their fears during nervewracking situations."

Additional safety precautions, Boggs said, include regular fire drills in the residence halls. "Due to a COVID year and guidance from the CDC and Mississippi State Department of Health, the emergency mock drills have been paused, but ICC does everything possible to ensure the safety of its family."

Boggs said that emergency procedures are published on the ICC website, www.iccms.edu; posted in classrooms and office buildings and alerts are sent via email or cellular devices.

"A good thing about emergency plans," Boggs said, "is that they are adaptable. No drills are perfect. So, when we do those drills, it helps us fill in those holes and adjust so that way, we are better prepared. Sometimes in life, we as humans are faced with situations when we do not know how to react. We tend to panic. When you are used to something and adjust to it, you will begin to get used to that routine."

And that's how it is at ICC. Once students, faculty and staff are faced with a real emergency, they'll know how to react because of practice.

After all, it's said that practice makes perfect.

Going Up

In spite of rain and storms, work is continuing on the new residence hall at the Fulton Campus. See page 11 in the Year in Review for a photo of what it will look like when completed.

Register today for summer/fall semesters.

UPCOMING
MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

Members of ICC's CenterStage perform in the last prepandemic concert in 2019. - *File photo.*

CenterStage sets spring show tomorrow

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's CenterStage will present its spring show at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the W.O Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

CenterStage will "Light Up the Night" with a wide variety of songs and illuminating numbers from current songs on the radio to classic hits. ICC's show choir features vocalists, instrumentalists and technical crew.

Members include Kindal Gammill of **Ackerman**; Braxton McKinney of **Caledonia**; Meg Basden, Preston Cox, both of **Fulton**; Eli Head of **Haleyville, Ala.**; Kaylee Heitger of **Mooreville**; Mary Beth Oliver of **Nettleton**; Anna Sauerwein, Timothy Locastro, both of **Pontotoc**; Michael Smith of **Splunge**; Anna Grace Funderburk, Ella Kate Nichols, both of **Thaxton**; Maggie Hardin of **Union**; and Jet Adams of **Vance**.

Directors are Kyle Davis of Fulton and Christy Colburn of Amory.

Admission is free. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at www.iccms.edu./etickets.

Social distancing guidelines will be observed, and masks are required.

For more information, call (662) 862-8306 or email kddavis@iccms.edu or (662) 862-8302 or cacolburn@iccms.edu.

Knox receives national SKD award

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College sophomore Mattie Knox of Amory has received a second place award in the 2021 National Personal Essay Writing Contest from Sigma Kappa Delta.

Knox's award, which was for "Blood Is Thicker Than Water," is the first received by an Omicron Zeta Chapter member.

At ICC, Knox has been involved with the Baptist Student Union, Sigma Kappa Delta and the *Mirror*, for which she is a co-editor. She plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi, where her major will be library and information science.

SKD is the English Honor Society for two-year colleges.

Mattie Knox

Students to participate in h.s. equivalency ceremony, May 13

Staff Reports

Approximately 80 students will participate in the high school equivalency commencement ceremony, May 13, at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

They include

Aberdeen - Xavier Anderson, Crystal Barnes, Tony Cook, Alexis Luker, Angela Luker, Hailey Luker, Savannah Luker;

Algoma - William Donaldson;

Amory - Ashley Dean, Amber Gray, Morgan Hall, Brittany Smith;

Baldwyn - Konner Rutherford;

Belden - Jon Jones;

Blue Springs - Elizabeth Cisowski;

Booneville - Mikayla Tovar;

Corinth - Tabitha Sharp;

Ecru - Destiny Jones, Brooklyn Lopez, Jacob Miller, Haylee Sheffield, Monica Summers, Logan Sweat, Kerigan Todd;

Hamilton - Sarah Kennedy;

Houlka - Autumn Patterson;

Mantachie - Jacqueline Oswalt, Elisabeth Wagster;

Marietta - Bryant Bennett;

Mooreville - Shaneka McGaughy;

Myrtle - Franco Chavez;

Nettleton - Kalli Collier, Madison Cox, Mary Wright;

Oxford - Aatalya King;

Pontotoc - Emma Carter, Parker Chain, Mireya Fernandez, Jason Johnsey, Dung Tran, Dorothy Williard;

Prairie - Belen Becker, Casey Unruh;

Saltillo - Teri Bishop, Maury Mann, Lucas Scroggins, Tiffany Wilemon;

Shannon - Crystal Grant;

Smithville - Amber Strout;

Thaxton - Nicholas Juarez, Payton Malone;

Tupelo - Michael Bones, Maddyson Cox, Raven Coleman, Zane Foster, Jaccob Horton, Christall Jackson, James Jenkins, Doris McMullen, Dustin Moore, Elizabeth Mora, Kailey Patterson, Antonio Peacock, Randy Ryan, Susana Terrazas, James Ward, Rachel Ward, Christopher Williams; and

Waverly, Tenn. - Madison Branch.

Briefly Speaking...

SKD Book Drive 'Successful'

According to Sigma Kappa Delta sponsor Keith Morris the organization's recent book drive netted 200 books, which will be donated to the Lee County Jail, Boys and Girls Club and Transformation Home for Women.

Graduates must take Canvas course before event

All graduates who are participating in any of the 2021 commencement ceremonies must take a required Canvas course by May 3.

In order to receive their tickets and pick up their caps and gowns, they must log into myTribe and complete the course.

Caps and gowns can be picked up from May 3-11 at the bookstores on the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. ***(See full story page five.)***

Checking out of a residence hall?

At the end of the spring semester, resident students must turn their attention toward checking out of the dorms.

To assist residents with the process, there are a few quick reminders.

*All students must check out after their last final exam by making an appointment with their hall director or resident assistant.

*To officially check out, students must sign the inventory sheet and turn in their key.

*All students must be out of the residence halls by 5 p.m., May 10.

*The room must be completely clean and empty of any personal items.

*No trash may be left in the room.

*Improper check out or failing to turn in a key will result in an improper check out fine.

Any students who neither claimed nor reclaimed rooms during the designated period will not have a room in the fall.

Instructions and reminders are normally emailed to resident students.

For more information, visit the Housing office in the David C. Cole Student Services Building at Fulton.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Upcoming in Fine Arts

April 20
CenterStage Spring Show
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium
6:30 p.m.
www.iccms.edu/etickets *(free admission)*

April 26
Solo Jazz Guitar Concert
featuring Dr. Cass Patrick
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium
7 p.m.

April 27
Jazz Band Concert
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium
7 p.m.

April 29
Vocal Auditions
Choir, Chamber Choir, CenterStage
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
11 a.m.

CenterStage Dance Auditions
Auditorium
2:30 p.m.

Spring Choral Concert
Auditorium
www.iccms.edu/etickets *(free admission)*
5 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.

#inthistogether

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 6:30 a.m. and from Tupelo at 7 a.m.; from Tupelo at 7:15 a.m. and arrives Fulton at 7:45 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m., arrives in Tupelo at 3:30 p.m.; departs Tupelo at 3:35 p.m. and arrives in Fulton at 4:05 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

Official visit?

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen takes a few minutes to visit with classes at the Fulton Campus last week. - *Furnished photo.*

ICC President updates budget status

CORA YIELDING
Editor

It's nearing the last of April, and the Mississippi Legislature has adjourned.

It's now time for entities that depend on appropriated funding to strategize.

According to ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year isn't much different from the 2020-21 budget.

Allen said that the budget is built around the state's revenue from the previous year and full-time student enrollment.

Although the budget has yet to be signed by Miss. Gov. Tate Reeves, Itawamba Community College has a good idea of what the budget will look like, Allen said.

There were no large increases in the state's revenue, according to Allen, so there will be no large budget increases.

Since money was allotted for a

one percent pay raise, following many years of the state's not providing a pay increase for community colleges, ICC's leadership will begin working to formulate a pay plan that fits the budget and rewards its employees.

Last year, the CARES Act covered most of the COVID-19 expenses, Allen said, but ICC will continue to use budget money to protect the health and safety of its students.

In addition, HEERF funds will be used to buy personal protective equipment and other necessary items to ensure the safety of all members of the ICC family.

The renovations, repairs and capital improvement budget and bond have not changed from the previous year.

One major change to the budget, Allen said, has been the addition of the Career Technical Advantage Program to be used for the vocational and trades classes. The money will be used to maintain, grow and sustain the career education programs, Allen said.

In addition, Miss. Rep. Donnie Bell is trying to make the Career Tech Advantage program a permanent addition to the budget, Allen said.

"ICC continues to work for a balanced budget each year to truly support the efforts of the College," Allen said.

Vaccine Assistance

Students in Itawamba Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program assisted with COVID vaccinations at the Access Family Health in Okolona last week. They include, from left, Mina Lucius, Hannah Collins, Tabitha Greenwood, Leigha Cooper, Mileka Ligon, Wyatt Logan, Jerry Gravat and instructor Lauren Asters.

Members of ICC's Mirror staff include, seated from left, Jasi Brooke Calloway, Millie Mask; standing, Katy Moore, Lauren Wickline, Mattie Knox

Mirror distribution set for this week

LINDSEY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

The members of Itawamba Community College's *Mirror* staff have worked diligently to produce a yearbook in a pandemic year during which many activities were virtual or limited in participation.

As ICC starts to return to a sense of normalcy, it's distribution time for the books.

Adviser C.J. Adams has scheduled distribution times this week, including Apr. 20 from noon-2 p.m. at the Crane Pavilion on the Fulton Campus; Apr. 21 from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Academic and Student Center at the Tupelo Campus and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Dining Hall on the Fulton Camps.

A time and location will be scheduled for the Belden Center.

For students who miss the pick-up dates, books will be available in the Community Relations Department at the Fulton Campus. Adams said that in cases where students cannot work out a pick-up date, they can contact him at cjadams@iccms.edu.

Yearbooks are free to students who are in good standing, Adams said.

Due to limited availability, books will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adams noted that copies of the 2019-20 book are still available to sophomores who didn't have an opportunity to pick them up due to COVID's limiting distribution

Freshmen who are interested in joining next year's staff should contact Adams. Positions are limited, and scholarships may be available.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public-supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through (1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff; and 7) Services and student engagement opportunities to promote leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test- students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion,ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Dean of Students, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271, or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

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Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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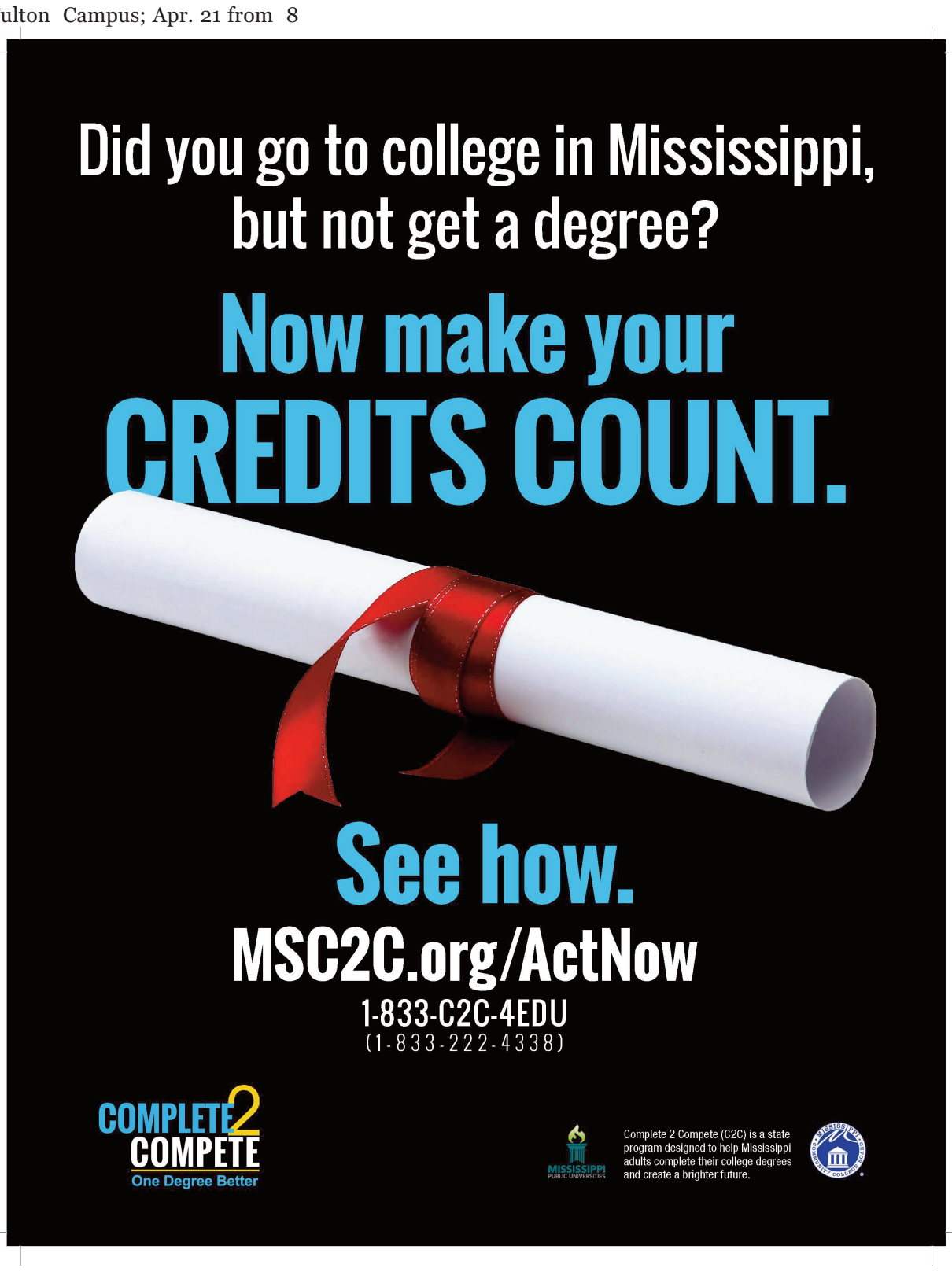
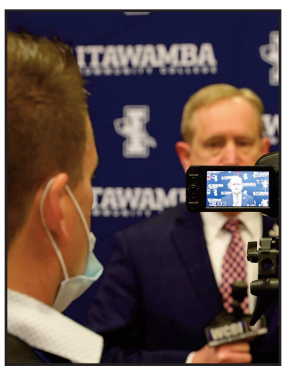


Congratulations
2021
GRADUATES!

See your adviser today to plan your summer/fall schedules!



A long way from empty

2020-21 REVIEW

Last spring, COVID-19 forced a transition to virtual learning, and all locations of ICC were empty, just like these chairs near the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus. It's been a long year, but today, the College is returning to a degree of normalcy. Right, from top and then clockwise, Allie Martin of WCBI interviews Dr. Jay Allen about a new partnership with ATS to provide classes at the Belden Center; ICC's Jason Guntharp represented all community colleges during a press briefing to announce their addition to a statewide science, engineering and technology research and development consortium called the Mississippi Optical Network (MissiON); Margie Thomas joined the ICC family to provide COVID testing to all employees and students; Move-in day looked a bit different with masks and social distancing; ICC formally opened its new Soccer Complex in the building donated by First American National Bank; ICC's Hall of Fame includes Maddie West, Diana Salinas, Cheyanne Cassler, Abby Rinehart, Kaylee Markham, John Curtis DeVaughn, Reilly Grace Carter, Allison Huckaby, Kristen Howell, Kenndie Gamble, Rodrigo Hernandez and Cora Yielding; Dr. Jay Allen and the MHP sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a Preferred Candidate program; John Curtis DeVaughn and Karli Rose Harris were elected Mr. and Miss ICC; and construction is underway for a new residence hall at the Fulton Campus.

ICC Baseball

Coach Rick Collier picks up 600th win at ICC

Staff Reports

With a 10-8 win over No. 2 Pearl River, Apr. 11, ICC's Rick Collier earned his 600th win as head coach of the Indians.

"It's all about the guys I've had," Collier said. "Every one of them that have played for me are a part of this 600, and they are special people to me. ICC is a great place to be, and 600 has been a fun time, but this is all about my former players."

STELLAR RECORD

The former All-American baseball player at ICC (1988-89) and Delta State University (1990-91), Collier has won three Mississippi Association of Community College Conference (MACCC) championships, two National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 23 titles and one NJCAA Super Regional championship and guided the Indians to 11-straight playoff appearances (2003-13) and made the playoffs in all but two seasons at the helm of ICC.

His most recent championship was in 2019, when the Indians went 41-8-1 overall, 24-4 in conference play and earned a No. 2 ranking from the NJCAA. He was also named 2019 Coach of the Year by the MACCC.

In 2003, the Mantachie native led the Indians to an appearance in the NJCAA World Series and set a school record for most wins in a season (46) and most consecutive wins in a single season (22). He was also inducted into the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame that year.

Rick Collier coaches the Indians during a February game against the Northeast Tigers at Fulton.

PLAYERS EXCEL

In Collier's first 11 seasons, at least one of his players has committed or signed to play in the SEC as well as one D1 signee and countless other players have continued their careers as student-athletes in all of his seasons as head coach of the Indians.

In addition, numerous players coached by Collier have been drafted and played in the big leagues, including Tim Dillard, Desmond Jennings and Jonathan Van Every, to name a few. Most recently, Delvin Zinn, Tyreque Reed and Jackson Lancaster were drafted after their time under Collier at ICC, with Zinn and Reed signing pro contracts and Lancaster continuing his college career at Missouri.

THIS SEASON

This season, Collier's squad is 19-9 overall, 15-5 in conference play, tied for first and ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA. His career record at ICC now stands at 600 wins and 274 losses and one tie, making him the all-time winningest coach in the illustrious history of the baseball program.

MACCC

Babin selected Pitcher of Week

Collin Babin

ICC's Collin Babin has been named Baseball Pitcher of the Week by the Mississippi Association of Community College Conference for his performance on the mound.

The freshman righthander from Ponchatoula, La. threw a no-hitter in the Indians' 14-1 run-rule victory over the Northeast Tigers to earn the conference honor.

In the five-inning contest, Babin struck out nine of the 16 batters he faced, while walking one and allowing one unearned run.

Domino named Player of Week

Lane Domino

ICC's Lane Domino has been named Baseball Player of the Week

The sophomore from Fulton hit .562 during the week before his selection. He had 10 RBI and scored nine runs, picked up two doubles and one triple and blasted three home runs.

In a doubleheader sweep of Coahoma, he went 7-for-8 with nine RBI, a double, triple and three home runs, including two three-run home runs in game two. He finished the week with two hits, an RBI and two runs in the split with Pearl River. - *Staff Reports*

Demetria Shepard

Xhiir Burgess

Amelya Hatch

Brandon Brown

Four ICC student-athletes receive postseason honors

Staff Reports

ICC's basketball programs combined for four student-athletes earning postseason honors from the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges.

Three women's players were named All-MACCC with Demetria Shepard of Pontotoc earning North First Team honors and Xhiir Burgess of Oxford and Amelya Hatch of Ripley named to the North Second Team. Brandon Brown of Memphis, Tenn. received the MACCC North First Team honor from the men's program.

Shephard led the Co-MACCC/Co-North Division Champions Lady Indians in scoring with an average of 11.7 points per game. The freshman guard shot 42.9 percent from the floor, 25 percent from three and 67.9 percent from the charity stripe.

Burgess averaged 7.3 points per game and led the Lady Indians with 6.7 rebounds per game. The sophomore guard/forward shot 42.9 percent from the floor and 55.6 percent from the free throw line.

Hatch averaged 9.7 points per game while shooting 44.4 percent from the field and 28.6 percent from three-point range. The freshman guard led the Lady Indians from the free throw line, shooting 86.4 percent.

Brown led the men's team in scoring and rebounding with 18.9 points and 10.6 rebounds per game. The sophomore guard shot 46.8 percent from the floor, 26.3 percent from behind the arc and 71 percent from the free throw line. Brown was named MACCC Player of the Week twice this season and recorded 10 double-doubles for points and rebounds in 13 games.

ICC selects 2021-22 cheerleaders on basis of tryouts

Staff Reports

ICC has selected its cheerleading team for 2021-22 based on recent tryouts.

They include Sydney Elkin of **Amory**; Harley Boone, Sydney Duggar, both of **Guntown**; Zoe Bigham of **Louisville**; Jodi Parks of **New Albany**; Tiffany Bishop, Lindzie Hurd, Macey Thomas, all of **Pontotoc**; Mckenna Chisolm of **Randolph**; Jennah Medlin of Ripley; Kage Heberling, John Bucy Long, Logan McBrayer, John Bryant Stanford, all of **Saltillo**; Emily Clowers of **Thaxton** and Karsyn Owens of **Tupelo**. The sponsor is Taylor Tutor of **Pontotoc**.

ICC's volleyball team huddles during postseason play against Pasco-Hernando State College.

ICC volleyball falls in postseason play

Staff Reports

The Indian volleyball team's historic first season came to a close with a hard-fought five-set postseason battle with Pasco-Hernando State in the NJCAA Gulf District Championship quarterfinals in Leesburg, Fla.

The Indians fell behind early, dropping the first set, 25-15, and the second set, 25-19. However, the Indians fought hard in the second set, and their fight paid off in the third set, which ended with a 25-17 victory capped by a Londyn Bakeris' ace.

In the fourth set, the Indians picked up a 25-21 win to force the fifth and final set.

Priscilla Morgan

As expected, it was a back-and-forth battle, and it couldn't be contained to the normal 15 points to win.

However, the battle ended with Pasco-Hernando State taking the final frame, 17-15, to pick up the 3-2 victory.

LaMaya Newsome and Lauryn Fitzgerald led the Indians with 12 kills each, and Morgan Lee picked up a team-high 36 assists.

Angie Gonzalez led the team with 23 digs, followed by Bakeris with 22; Tori Brooks, 19; Fitzgerald, 14 and Lee, 11.

ICC's head coach is Priscilla Morgan, who joined the ICC staff in 2019.

Spring SUCCESS!!

On to Nationals

ICC's men's tennis team defeated Copiah-Lincoln, Saturday, to place third in regionals and advance to the national tournament in Plano, Tex. Players include in no particular order, Luke Bolen, Will Buskirk, Jackson Christ, Sergio Garcia, Grayson Goldbold, Torean King, Jacambrian Madlock, Russell Moorman and Rhonzo Olaechea.

National Rankings

Baseball
11

Softball
2

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ON THE SCHEDULE

Due to restrictions as a result of COVID-19 and weather issues, athletic schedules and operations are subject to change.

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2021 Indian Week

April 18

Spades Tournament
6 p.m.
Student Activities Center
Fulton Campus

Late Night Virtual Trivia
8 p.m.

April 19

Rockin' Breakfast
7:30 a.m.
Outside Student Activities Center
Fulton Campus

Snow Cone Break
1-3 p.m.
Crane Pavilion
Fulton Campus

Crawfish Boil Blast
Noon - 2 p.m.
Outside Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus
Fun, music, games and tie-dye!

Peace, Love & Escape Room
6-8 p.m.
Library
Fulton Campus

April 20

Snow Cone Break
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Outside Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus

Crawfish Boil Blast
Noon - 2 p.m.
Crane Pavilion
Fulton Campus
Fun, music, games and tie-dye!

Spray Tan Party
4-7 p.m.
Fitness Center 232
Fulton Campus

Groovin' Paint Night
5 p.m.
Crane Pavilion
Fulton Campus

Sponsored by ICC Travel Tribe

Late Night Laser Tag
8-11 p.m.
Fitness Center
Fulton Campus

April 21

Jammin' Breakfast
7:30-9 a.m.
Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus

Crawfish Boil Blast
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Outside Training Entrance Lobby
Belden Center
Fun, music and games!

Indians Got Talent
7 p.m.
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium
Fulton Campus

April 22

Hangin' with
ICC Dining
10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dining Hall
Fulton and Tupelo Campuses

Celebrate
National Jelly Bean Day
Library
Fulton Campus

Most Beautiful Pageant
7 p.m.
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium
Fulton Campus